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ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT, UNICEF L.1443

REFERENCE: 1) UNEC D-514/75; 2) USUN 5714

1. INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD DRAFT RESOLUTION L.1443
WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE BY THE SECOND COMMITTEE ON 21 NOVEMBER
AFTER FIRST BEING ORALLY AMENDED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF
UPPER VOLTA. THE AMENDMENT CONSISTED OF ADDING THE WORDS
"OF ACTIVITIES ENVISAGED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK" AFTER THE
WORD "FINANCING" IN THE SEVENTH LINE OF THE OPERATIVE PARA-
GRAPH OF THE RESOLUTION. JUST PRIOR TO ADOPTION BELGIUM
BECAME AN ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSOR OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF
DENMARK SAID HIS DELEGATION HAD NOT OPPOSED THE CONSENSUS
ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION; BUT, WAS AGAINST THE INCREASED
PROLIFERATION OF INTERNATIONAL YEARS AND BELIEVED BENEFITS
FOR CHILDREN COULD BE BETTER ACHIEVED BY AN INCREASE IN
THE REGULAR WORK OF UNICEF. THE UK ASSOCIATED ITSELF
WITH THE DANISH REMARKS..

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3. THE US DEL (MOUSKY) ALSO MADE A SHORT EXPLANATORY

STATEMENT FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH IS
QUOTED BELOW:

STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MY DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO
GO ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS ON THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT
SUPPORTS THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE RESOLUTION IN
CREATING A GREATER AWARENESS ON THE PART OF THE INTERNA-
TIONAL COMMUNITY OF THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN. WE DO,
HOWEVER, HAVE RESERVATIONS WITH THE RESOLUTION IN THAT
IF ULTIMATELY AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD IS
ESTABLISHED, CONCEIVABLY SOME OF THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES
USED TO CARRY IT OUT MIGHT WELL BE FUNDS THAT WOULD,
UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, BE AVAILABLE TO UNICEF FOR
ITS VITALLY IMPORTANT OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS.
THE NEED FOR SUCH RESOURCES BY UNICEF FOR OPERATIONAL
ACTIVITIES, COMPARED TO THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE,
WAS TREATED YESTERDAY AT THE SECOND UNICEF PLEDGING
CONFERENCE.

WE CONSTRUE THE RESOLUTION AS LEAVING ANY DECISION
AS WHETHER, IN FACT, AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD
TAKES PLACE TO THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHEN THE
ASSUMBLE WILL HAVE BEFORE IT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S
REPORT REQUESTED IN THE RESOLUTION. CONSISTENT WITH
RECENT ECOSOC AND UNGA RESOLUTIONS, WE SUGGEST THAT
CONSIDERATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO A CELEBRATION
OF BRIEFER DURATION.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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